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Coming Events for April and May

By SHIRLEY FEARS

During the remaining two months of the regular session, several important conferences, institutes, and other meetings will be held on our campus. These events will bring a total of several thousand people to Prairie View.

On April 1, 1950, the Annual Vocational Conference will be held. Messrs. T. L. Holly and C. L. Wilson have worked out a very interesting program for that day that should be quite interesting and helpful to the vocational teachers of the state.

The Annual Prairie View Relays and Tennis Tournament will be held on April 7-8, 1950. This event brings the outstanding athletics from a dozen or more colleges to our campus each year. Director Stevens and his staff are completing plans for the events now. This year's Relays promises to be one of the best that Prairie View has ever sponsored.

The Third Annual Housing Conference will be held on April 17-18, 1950. This conference is sponsored by the College for the purpose of acquainting the citizens of the state with plans and procedures necessary to relieve the acute housing situation. Such outstanding persons as Mr. A. Maceo Smith, Dallas, Texas; Mr. Walter Aiken, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Frank Horne, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Samuel Danley, Washington, D. C.; and Mr. Calvin McKissack, are among the outstanding consultants brought in for the conference each year.

On April 22, and April 29, the Interscholastic Meets for the public schools of the state will be held. Several hundred students from the elementary and high school will come to the campus to participate in literary, musical, and athletic events on these two Saturdays.

On May 8, 1950, the Annual Honors Day program will be presented. On this occasion the College will honor those students whose academic achievement has been outstanding. On May 15, 1950, the Annual Athletic Letters Day will be observed. This observance is scheduled to give due recognition to the outstanding members of the Varsity Athletic Teams.

The Annual Spring Commencement will be held on Sunday, May 21, 1950. This day will also be observed as Parent's Day.

Thus it can be seen that nearly every week from now until the close of school, there will be some meetings held which will bring visitors to our campus.

We will have a vast and fundamental improvement in public education when the majority of teachers spend most of their time and effort scouting for and developing children's talents instead of looking for faults and deficiencies to repair.

—MALCOLM MACLEAN

LOVELY-LOVELY ADDITIONS TO P. V. FAMILY

The big family of Prairie View has been increased by two with the arrivals of Miss Ruth Everett, Instructor of French and Miss Ruby Martin, Instructor of Physical Education.

Miss Everett comes to Prairie View from New York University. She received the B.A. degree from Bennett College after attending there for three and one-half years and graduating as the highest ranking student. The M.A. degree was earned at the University of Michigan, while post-graduate study was done at the Middlebury School of Languages, and on the Foreign Language Study Tour to France, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden. Miss Everett is affiliated with the American Association of Teachers of French, the Federation of Modern Language Teachers, the College Language Association, the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Miss Martin comes to Prairie View from New York University. She received the B.A. degree from A. & T. College at Greensboro, North Carolina. While attending A. & T., she was a majorette for three years and earned the distinction of being the first student to render a dance recital while attending the school. Miss Martin has done advanced study under the noted and celebrated dancer and dance instructor, Martha Graham. She has done professional, exotic dancing at Small's Paradise, taught dancing at the Combination Dance-Business School in New York, and has traveled with the New York University Dance Group and the African Dance Troup.

You Were Made To Learn

By HORACE MANN

You were made to learn. Be sure you learn something everyday. When you go to bed at night, if you cannot think of something new which you have learned during the day, spring up and find a book and get an idea before you sleep. If you were to stop eating, would not your bodies pine and famish? If you stop learning, your minds will pain and famish too. You all desire that your bodies should thrive and grow. But if you do not feed your minds as well as your bodies, they will stop growing; and one of the poorest, meanest, despicable things I have ever seen is a little mind in a great body.

Every man I meet is my master at some point, and in that I learn from him.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

"I would rather live during the next ten years than any ten years in the world."

—JOHN R. MOTT

The Sportoscope

By SAM WILLIAMS

The hardwood season is nearing an end and Coach Jimmy Stevens and his basketballers have enjoyed a fairly good season. Mr. Stevens thinks this group of boys is one of the finest ever assembled on Prairie View Campus, and he and the "fellows" will certainly be looking forward to winning the championship in the coming year.

Turning to the spring activities, we'll find that the varsity teams of track, basketball, tennis and spring football practices have, for sometime now, begun to get in shape for their forthcoming rivals.

Looking on the tennis courts we'll find that the netters of '50 will surely uphold P. V.'s standard as having the finest team in the conference. Coaches Scott and Lawson will be represented by Joseph Bailey, William James, Thomas and Edgar Burton, Sam Williams, Johnny Walker, and Jake Howard. The fairer sex of the team will be represented by Billie Tubbs, Arlene Greenwood, and Effie Holloway.

Coach Lee is looking forward to a most enjoyable year with his boys on the diamond. He finds most of his weakness in his pitching staff, but in general he thinks the team as a whole is a great improvement over the one of '49.

Closing with a thought, "A quitter never wins" and "A winner never quits."

Red Cross National Headquarters Represented Here

Mr. Jesse O. Thomas, Negro Public Relations Consultant with National Headquarters of the American Red Cross was a visitor to the campus on February 15.

Mr. Thomas addressed the entire student body at special chapel exercises; spoke before the student Red Cross College Unit membership and finished a busy day discussing career opportunities to sociology students in a question and answer forum.

Results of Cancer Program are Cited

The Cancer Education Program, sponsored jointly by the American Cancer Society (Texas Division) and Prairie View College, has gone forward with a successful array of activities which have resulted in favorable comment by the Society's state headquarters at Houston. The work being done here in the development of educational projects has been received in many communities of Texas and is rapidly becoming a well-known phase of our extended services.

Solve this one: If it takes two days for a rubber-billed woodpecker to peck a hole in a cypress log, how long would it take a bow-legged grasshopper with arteriosclerosis to kick a seed out of a dill pickle?

Prairie Views National Hook-Up

(Continued from page one) of the National Institute of Science and National Council Member of the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honorary Society. Dr. T. R. Solomon is affiliated with the American Political Science Association, Southern Historical Association, Foreign Policy Association, Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Society for Advancement of Education, American Association for Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, Nation Association for Collegiate Deans and Registrars. Dr. D. S. Yarbrough is listed in Who's Who in America and in Who's Who in Sociology for the year of 1950-1951. He is affiliated with the American Sociological Society, the American Association of University Professors, the American Anthropological Association, the National Conference of Social Work and a member of Zeta Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Social Science Fraternity. Mr. R. W. Hilliard is President of the National Alumni Association. Mr. Lloyd E. Scott is National Field Secretary of the American Tennis Association. Miss Anna L. Campbell is a member of the Committee on Leadership in Teacher Training of the National Council of Teachers of English, and Secretary of College Language Association. Mr. C.A. Wood is a member of the Committee on Public Relations, Materials and Resources for the Society of State Directors of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and the American Public Health Association. Mr. O. J. Baker is a member of the American Library Association and the Texas Library Association. Some of the many national organizations with which Mr. G. W. Reeves is affiliated are: American Teachers Association, National Education Association, National Geographic Society, National Association of Personnel Deans and Advisors of Men, National Adult Education Association and National Advisory Committee in Higher Education for Negroes.

HORSE SENSE

By ELBERT HUBBARD

If you work for a man, in heaven's name, work for him. If he pays wages that supply your bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. I would not work for him a part of his time, but all of his time. I would give an undivided service or none. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn, and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long as you are a part of the institution, do not condemn it. Not that it will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself.

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DR. E. B. EVANS, President of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College accepts Certificate of Membership in Beta Kappa Chi National Honorary Scientific Society from DR. E. E. O'BANION, Southwestern Regional Vice-President of the Society

President E. B. Evans Becomes Member of Beta Kappa Chi

The Annual Banquet and Initiation Ceremony of Alpha Gamma Chapter of Beta Kappa Scientific Society was held February 9, at 7:00 P.M. The ceremony was held in Room 301, Science Building, followed by the Banquet in the Faculty Lounge of the Recreation Center.

Members of the organization were exceedingly happy to welcome four persons who have and are making noteworthy accomplishments in the field of science. The new members are Mr. Leon Woods, Chemistry Department; Mr. Eugene Alexander, Junior in the field of Chemistry; Mr. L. Williams, Mathematics Department; and Mr. J. S. Cooke, Department of Biology, Wiley College.

Dr. E. B. Evans was guest speaker for the occasion and he centered his discussion around the trend of drugs in the first half of the 20th century. The Banquet was highlighted with the presentation of an Honorary Membership to Dr. Evans by Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Southwestern Regional vice-president. The organization feels that Dr. Evans has contributed much toward the advancement of Science. His spectacular interest in the field of science will undoubtedly warrant him the status of a representative member of Beta Kappa Chi.

Freshman to Run For 'Miss Kansas City Call'

Beautiful Miss Maxine Curvey of Grapeland, Texas has been elected to represent Prairie View in the "Miss Kansas City Call" contest. Miss Curvey is a graduate of W. R. Banks High School and was valedictorian of her class. She is a major in Elementary Education, an active participant in extra-curricular activities such as basketball, soft-ball and tennis, and a regular worker in the Sunday School. Miss Curvey was selected from eight contestants.



MISS MAXINE CURVEY, Contestant for "Miss Kansas City Call"

Dining Hall to Operate On Cafeteria System

By DAISYLYN BRADFORD

According to a statement issued by Mr. R. W. Hilliard, Manager, the dining hall will operate on a modified cafeteria basis for undergraduate students at the beginning of the Summer Session, June 5, 1950. To operate a true cafeteria system, the cost of board would have to be raised, hence the modified plan.

Meal books will be issued, and at intervals a choice of food in the same category will be possible. Each meal will last one hour. This new system will be an advantage to both the students and the employees. The student will not run the risk of being "cut out," since he will have an opportunity to select his portion of food. The employees will not be rushed during two shifts.

One of the major problems which will come with this new system is "line cutting." This problem confronts students at Lincoln University, Tuskegee and other colleges.

Fellow students, let us resolve now to avoid this problem. It will have to be done through us, for us. It is probable that the new system will be continued during the regular session.

This issue of the PANTHER is sponsored by the Freshman Class.

Building Program for P. V. Underway

(Expansion Plan Announced in the Texas A. & M. System News)

A building program which will add more than \$1,000,000.00 worth of improvements to Prairie View Campus is underway. This information came to our institution by way of the Texas A. & M. System News, which says, "While the building program for the current biennium is not yet underway at Prairie View A. & M. College, an 84 room girls' dormitory to cost \$310,000.00 is under construction and set for completion in September.

"On the planning board is a plant and animal industries building to cost \$362,608.00 and a B.C.U. warehouse to cost \$10,000.00.

"On the approved program for Prairie View is a \$280,391 engineering building, a new wing to the home economics building to cost \$137,497, and a \$75,000 training school building."

Prairie View Professors Receive Honor-Recognition

Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry was notified in February of his election as a Fellow in the Texas Academy of Science which is a distinction of the merit of his scientific work.

Dr. O'Banion is at present on leave to study for a four-week period at the Institute of Nuclear Studies at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. C. A. Wood, Supervisor in Health Education, received a distinguished service citation from the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation for outstanding contributions to the professional field of Health, Physical Education and Recreation through proved loyalty and active support of the association.

The citation is signed by Lloyd O. Russell, Baylor University, Association President.

Prairie View's National Hook-Up

Directors, Heads of Departments and faculty members are affiliated with a variety of national organizations which promote professional growth. A sample survey reveals the following. Dr. J. M. Drew is affiliated with the National Vocational Guidance Association, the National Society of College Teachers of Education, the National Education Association and the Conference of Deans of Southern Graduate Schools. Dr. T. P. Dooley is Southwestern Regional Director

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EDITORIAL

What is a Freshman?

Paraphrased from ALAN BECK

Freshmen come in assorted sizes, weights and colors. They come all the way from Amarillo to Yoakum, and from Bastrop, Biloxi, Gallilee, Honey Grove, Hull-Daisetta, Judea, Paris, Rose Bud and White Oak as well. They may be found everywhere at Prairie View—on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to the classrooms, laboratories, workshops, dining halls, campus, dormitories, gymnasium, track, tennis courts and ball diamond. The President of the school and their sponsors love them, the sophomores tease them, juniors and seniors tolerate them, some teachers ignore them and Heaven protects them. A freshman is Truth with a Sunday School Quarterly trying to cut Chapel, Wisdom with a swollen jaw and a tooth that needs pulling, and Hope of the future with five thumbs on each hand before a microscope in a science laboratory.

A freshman has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of pocket-size H-bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, and the enthusiasm of a fire-cracker.

A freshman likes ice cream crowds, holidays, field trips, canned music, Bee-bop dancing, senior boys and girls, red clothing, funny hats, funny books and the Panther Inn.

A freshman is a magical creature—you can lock him out of your office, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can dismiss him from the classroom, but you can't dismiss him from your mind. You talk about his "slanguage," but you like to hear him greet his pal with a "How yuh doin' Home Boy?"

NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO FRESHMAN CLASS

By IRA MASSEY
President of Freshmen Class

I would like to acknowledge the wholehearted participation and co-operation of each member of the Freshman Class during the school year of 1949-50.

With your present spirit of co-operation, I know that the sophomore class of 1950-51 will go over 100 per cent.

Improvement in the Recreation Center

By ETHEL JEWEL MARTIN

Prairie View can boast of one of the largest and best equipped Recreation Centers in this section. Realizing the importance of the successful operation of this Center to the campus and community, the management attempts to make certain materialistic and non-materialistic contributions in line with ideas.

The Center has been in operation for more than two years with a highly significant coordinated program of activities that reach practically all the 2,500 persons in this community.

The schedule of activities are so organized that its daily operation involves more than 14 or 15 hours of activities daily, seven days per week. All holidays are included in this schedule. Recreation is something that becomes most important when all activities for the day have been completed in most other job operations. The management of the Center realizing this important responsibility has tried to meet the challenge that is afforded by the increasing student enrollment with its many problems.

Certain recent improvements are as follows: (1) Refurnishing of the west entrance walls with panel boards; (2) Painting of lavatories and offices on both sides of the Center; (3) Tiling of floors in Panther Inn with medium olive green with splashed light yellow, covering more than 2,000 square feet. (4) Placed 25 latest tables and 100 chairs of medium yellow with splashes of beige tan. The chairs and tables were constructed especially for the need of the Center. They are constructed without legs as support, this permits as many as eight to sit at the table at one time.

The cooperation of the advanced class in Nutrition of the Home Economics Department has played an intergral part in the installing of the modern techniques and development which are associated with this type of enterprise. Their worth to the Center cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents.

These are only a small portion of the tangible improvements which are part of a well planned program of improvement. The group wishes to thank the many conscientious students who have assisted the staff in preserving these new furnishings.

Just for Fun

Teacher: "Johnnie, make a sentence using delight"

Johnnie: "De wind blew in de wind and blew out de light"

* * *

Teacher: "Mildred, why are you late for school every morning?"

Mildred: "I saw the sign which said 'School Zone, Go Slow.'"

BOOK REVIEW

'Killers of the Dream'

By LILLIAN SMITH

Reviewed by—BARBARA HINES

Lillian Smith, who was born and reared in the South, sticks close to her home in her novel *KILLERS OF THE DREAM*, which is not a book about Negroes. However, there are a few pages in it that deal with minority groups, even though it begins and ends in the South. It is a book about belief which has to do with sin, segregation, and the white man's children beliefs that he taught them before they knew words. Above all, it is concerned with the dream that has made men human, and with the killers of that dream.

Lillian Smith had been taught by her parents "A sense of fair play." But yet she knew that she was better than a Negro and that all black folks have their places and must be kept in them. Yes, all of these things she knew but she did not believe in their practice.

Lillian Smith was told that Negro children could not play, live, talk, nor speak with children of the white race. Within the colored section of her home town, living with a Negro family, was a little "White" girl. Later she was brought to Lillian's home where she and Lillian played, ate, sat, and talked together.

But a day came when suspicion was held against Janie, the little "white" girl and within a few days Lillian's mother called her and Janie into her bedroom to state the fact that Janie would return to the colored town, because she was a little "Colored" girl. This meant that Lillian and Janie could no longer associate together. Lillian's mother and father had betrayed something that she held dear, for her parents were no longer as powerful as she had thought. Lillian not only knew about segregation but now she believed in it.

Lillian Smith relates to us the fact that much of the trouble we

are in started long ago. Your parents, nor I made it. We were born into it. Even though we fought for freedom during the Civil War, there is self righteousness in the North and hatred of the Yankee in the South.

Lillian Smith rather likes to think, that because we have rejected the Negro's brains, the intellectual richness that piled higher and higher in the minds of those who required learnings has been a great waste to the South.

I have in front of me, as I write, an article. As I turn these pages reading what one of the South's leaders has said, I can not forget all the South's children who have listened.

"Only a fool would say the Southern pattern of separation of the races can or should be overthrown!"
—Atlanta Constitution
Editorial, Sept 26, 1948

Such a statement as this and many others made by men of similar character has stolen the Negro's fortune.

For nearly a century the South has failed to face the implications of segregation. Our nation is failing to do so today, and because of this failure democracy may fail to take root in this America.

Here lies our weakness, this profound cleavage in our culture an in our people.

Distance and darkness, ignorance and fear have collaborated so long on this ritual of separation within and without, that it is difficult for many to believe that man divided against himself is not a natural thing.

And now at last, the dreamers who have dreamed so much that is good and beautiful, so much that has increased the stature of man, and made his life rich and abundant, have dreamed also the weapon that can destroy all dreams and all men. It is as if man had found the ultimate in evil and can save himself from it only by finding the ultimate in good.

THE DREAM BOX

By JOE ANN JONES

Oh! Do you really mean it? Could this possibly be true?

All for me you sweet thing? Now isn't that nice of you?

Why here's pie, chicken and cake, candy and oh! such a lot more
What a cook your mother must be, and kind and thoughtful to the core.

Take some more did you say? Why surely I couldn't do that.

Jane what in earth is on your mind? You must want me to get fat.

The alarm sounded loudly, I jumped from bed with a bound.

I realized I had been dreaming, for Jane's box was nowhere to be found.

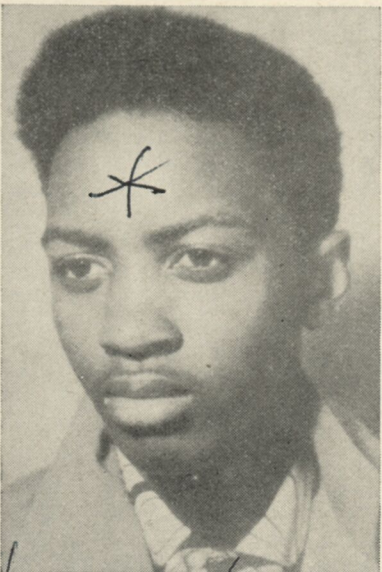
FRESHMEN MAKE HONOR ROLL

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Evans entertained more than 100 students Friday night, March 3. Freshmen attending this affair were Evelyn P. Banks, Beulah Bonner, Frances Boyd, Coakey Carroll, Daisylyn Bradford, Charles Columbus, John M. Coruthers, Thelma DeRouen, Mittie Dow, Eleanor Fry, Marian Garcia, Linzel Harmon, Clarence Jackson, Willie Jackson, Jo Ann Jones, Edna Joseph, Mary Ruby Lewis, Ruth Malone, Joyce Means, Willie Modester, Doris Preston, Shirleen Saddler, Harold Taylor, Dora Travillion, Earline Wilcots, Effie Holloway, Shirley Fears.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS



JAMES SULLIVAN... Business Manager, Sociology Major, Greenville, Texas



IRA C. MASSEY... President, Agriculture Major, Athens, Texas



SAM WILLIAMS... Vice-President, Physical Education Major, Houston, Texas



DAISYLYN BRADFORD... Treasurer, English Major, Alto, Texas



EFFIE HOLLOWAY... Secretary, Physical Education Major, Beaumont, Texas



EVELYN BANKS... Reporter, Mathematics Major, Lufkin, Texas

Prairie Viewites Attend Beta Kappa Chi Regional Meeting At Southern Univ.

Ten members of Beta Kappa Chi journeyed to Southern University February 23-26, to the Southwestern Regional Meeting to which only the two schools are participating at present. The meeting proved to be a tremendous benefit and experience to all participating.

Friday evening, February 25 at 2:00 P.M., the student groups from Prairie View, consisting of seven, presented a panel discussion on "Methods and Fundamental Concepts of the Sciences and Mathematics." Members of the group were: Joe E. Smith, president; Mamie Abernathy, secretary; Doris Loeb, Eugene Alexander, Andrew Perkins, Hattye Palmer and Barbara Johnson. The discussion showed planning and a great deal of thought and research on the part of the group.

The conferees were permitted to tour the magnificent Esso Refinery in Baton Rouge, Saturday morn-

Freshmen Give Pre St. Patrick Day Dance

By LELA VENERABLE

The Panther Inn was the scene of a Pre-St. Patrick Day Dance given by the Freshman Class March 4, 1950. The dance was a very colorful affair with green and white paper chains draped in the center of the room. Small table lamps with tinted bulbs were used for lighting.

Mr. James Sullivan was on hand to greet faculty members and members of the Langston basketball squad who attended. Music of a delightful type was furnished by Miss Mildred Jones and her "Combo."

ing. It was very educational and inspirational as well.

Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Mr. H. T. Jones, and Dr. E. G. High composed the faculty delegation. Miss Theresa Pratt served as chaperone.



H. T. JONES... Chairman, Advisory Committee to Freshmen

Remember, when you point your finger accusingly at someone, you have three fingers pointed at yourself.

Annual Band Contest

The Annual Band Contest was held here, Saturday March 18. The results were as follows:

CLASS AA

Winner: Central High School; Galveston, Texas, Mr. Flemming Huff, conductor; Mr. H. R. Morgan, principal

2nd Place: Emmett Scott High School, Tyler, Texas; Mrs. James Williams, conductor; Mr. A. G. Hilliard, principal

CLASS A

Winner: Carver High School, Baytown, Texas, Mr. D. E. Cartwright, conductor; Mr. W. Marion Davis, principal. Miss Leonette Addison in charge of 35 members drill squad.

2nd Place: Freeman High School, Caldwell, Texas, Mr. Boston Harrell, conductor; Mr. B. T. Bremby, principal.

CLASS A

(New Bands)

Winner: Wharton County Training School, Wharton, Texas; Mr. Maurice Bigsby, conductor; Mr. D. Dawson, principal.

2nd Place: Frazier-Mathis School, Silsbee, Texas, Mr. Albraham Mills, conductor; Mr. C. A. Johns, principal.

'A Freshman Speaks'

By JAMES SULLIVAN

After visiting the campus of Prairie View a number of times during the vocational and inter-scholastic meets, within my heart were the words "this is the school for me." All during the summer I gathered my wardrobe and planned for a successful year at Prairie View. Yes, my very first impression about Prairie View was indeed a good one.

After arriving on the campus, and looking at so many new faces, I began to wonder whether or not I was in the right place. I was indeed frustrated, but after becoming adjusted to the situations around the institution, I felt more at ease.

I worked throughout the first semester and I came to the conclusion that Prairie View is the place where young ladies and young men are trained to meet the challenge of Democracy intelligently, vigorously, and with enthusiasm and faith.

March of Dimes Campaign is Successful Here

Various activities for student and faculty groups highlighted the annual March of Dimes Campaign for the fight against Infantile Paralysis.

A luncheon session was held in the college cafeteria for all Negro county workers in the drive for the purpose of planning and initiating steps in the program. Student groups held demonstrations and social functions to increase and encourage giving to the worthy cause.